

## **FARINGDON ROAD PARK – TREE RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Inspection carried out 11/12/2019 by Steve Quigley – Swindon Borough Council Tree Inspector

The majority of the trees are healthy, in good condition and have no major defects present. There are however some trees of concern which I have highlighted on the attached inspection sheets – C5188, C5191 + C5192. My recommendations are as follows:

- Sycamore – Tree no 72 located in the Faringdon Road side of the park. Moderate wound with decay to branch over path located at 3m – removal recommended.
- Turkey Oak – Tree no 135 located in the Park Lane side of the park. Large fungal bracket (40x30cm) – *Ganoderma resinaceum* located at the base between the South and East buttresses. Sounds hollow directly above the bracket and in the South buttress – 30% crown reduction recommended.
- Turkey oak – Tree no 137 located in the Park Lane side of the park. Branch hung up at 4m. The drop zone is of a low frequency target but it would be prudent to remove it.
- Bird cherry – tree no 152 located near the path in the Park Lane side of the park. Several *Ganoderma* fungal brackets round base. Given the proximity of the path and future management requirements, I would recommend removal.
- Beech – tree no 218 located to the West of the play area and has Bird Box no 154. Evidence of wood boring beetles and cavity in lower bole – 80x9x30cm that extends up into the central heartwood for at least 30cm. Monitoring recommended – inspection frequency every 18 months.
- Norway Spruce ‘Crimson King’ – tree no 228.1 located near the path to the South of the play area. Moderate bole wound with cavity – 134x9x9cm with some decay + evidence of wood boring beetles. Monitoring recommended – inspection frequency every 18 months.
- Turkey Oak – tree no 249. Located in the NE corner (Church Place) near the wall. Major wound to North bole – 210x50cm with cuboidal brown rot present. There is also a small cavity at the top of the wound which may extend up into the heartwood. There were several *Fistulina hispanica* fungal brackets observed last year on the main stem of this

tree at approximately 2.5m. I would recommend a 30% crown reduction but given its proximity to the wall and the road and bearing in mind the future management requirements, removal is also an option.

- Common Ash – tree no 254 located to the side of the wall opposite 4 Church Place. Ivy obscuring bole to 5m – sever at base and allow to die off.

I have attached the feature list which lists all the trees, their locations and species. For your records, I have also attached the inspection sheets for the last 10 years:

C6300 to C6310 – 15/03/2018

C6832 to C6842 - 22/02/2016

5761 to 5766 - 21/05/2014

5387 to 5392 - 29/01/2013

C2721 to C2726 - 31/08/2011

C2349 to C2354 - 11/08/2010

Inspection frequency:

I have scheduled another inspection in 6 months (Jun/Jul) when the trees are in leaf so that vigour, leaf cover, annual fungal brackets, etc. can be observed.

Thereafter, I would recommend that the park is inspected every 18 months – once in leaf and once out of leaf.